

TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING

Present: Alan D. Boyack (ADB)
Ted Gunderson (TG)
Michael James Riconosciuto (MJR)

ADB: The time is approximately 13:55, 5 May, 1991, located in the Attorney visiting room of the Tacoma, Washington House of Incarceration. Present are Ted Gunderson who is the personal investigator for Michael James Riconosciuto. We are going to be having a conference meeting, so I want this transcribed as a conference.

Now, what I've got is that you were arrested on March 29, 1991, Lake Bay, Washington, by how many DEA agents?

MJR: Oh, I would say at least a dozen of them.

ADB: So it was a biggie deal; shotguns and Starsky & Hutch and all that good stuff. I've been in on those a few times. They took you down; what were you doing; where were you at?

MJR: We had driven away from the marina and ...

ADB: Were you in your vehicle?

MJR: No, a friend's vehicle.

ADB: That's kind of a key issue. Friend as in a girlfriend you had?

MJR: No, it was a friend of mine who had been picking up my stolen equipment off the streets. The guy was a druggie; by that I mean he's on a Methadone program.

ADB: Okay, the friend whose car you were in at the time is a known druggie?

MJR: Right.

ADB: Okay, what's his name.

MJR: Rodney Hill.

ADB: What kind of car was it?

MJR: It was a Honda, an older Honda car.

ADB: How did all of these DEA agents, all dozen of them, prepared for war, know that you were going to be in that other guy's car?

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MJR: Well, we left the marina, which is the place they had staked out. I keep my boat there and I went to see the guy that ...

ADB: So you feel you were under surveillance ...

MJR: They were waiting for me at the marina. They didn't have a clue what I was going to drive up in. I went to the marina and I walked up on the front porch of the house and knocked on the door. Jerry wasn't there, this Steve Halvorsen was.

ADB: Now who is he in relation to everything?

MJR: Well he's their so-called cooperating individual.

ADB: So he's a snitch, huh? CI as they put it?

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: Tell me just a little bit about Steve Halvorsen.

MJR: I've known the guy four years plus, no longer than that, and he was the boyfriend of this gal, Cindy, who was a potential witness in our child custody case. At the time we needed Cindy to testify in court.

ADB: Give me just a little bit on Cindy. Her last name ...

MJR: I don't have her last name.

ADB: Okay, so Steve Halvorsen's girlfriend, is that kind of ...

MJR: Yes, his girlfriend. Cindy was to be a witness in our custody case and Steve threatened her. Steve Halvorsen threatened her, as well as Steve Peterson threatened her.

ADB: Okay, who is Steve Peterson?

MJR: That is the other litigant in the child custody case.

ADB: Okay, that child custody case is your child?

MJR: No, it's the gal I'm with, Roberta Peterson.

ADB: Steve Peterson's her ex-husband?

MJR: Her ex-husband.

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ADB: Okay, so Roberta is your squeeze, or was at that time.

MJR: Is now.

ADB: Okay, and Cindy was to testify that Steve's an asshole and all that kind of stuff?

MJR: Well, there's ritualistic sexual abuse involved here. Steve Peterson ...

ADB: Why can't you just get me an easy case ...

MJR: Anyway, Steve Halvorsen was involved in this cult group down in Mason County and he's involved in the ritualistic madness part of it, as well as the drug dealing part. Five or six years ago he went down on a big heroin operation and he was held in contempt of the Grand Jury because he would not reveal the source of his heroin. He finally gave up some information about some lower level people in the rank, but he never gave up the high level people. He did some prison time; not much that I know of, and was back out on the streets. He's ...

ADB: Do you think that Steve Halvorsen's motivation was because of this ... to snitch you off (assuming that he did), I mean, at least that the government's story right now is that he's the CI that snitched you off. Do you think his motivation was because he was under pressure from the government to make a case, or because of this custody situation?

MJR: Both. It's a combination of both. He knows ... you see I had approached him to try and turn him about a year and a half ago.

ADB: Now when you use the term "turn him" I understand what you're saying, I think, but who the hell were you turning him for?

MJR: I wanted to get information on that ring in Mason County.

ADB: Why?

MJR: Because these are the people behind putting the pressure on our custody case. There is a Sheriff's Deputy down there, Nick Patterson, who is on the take--he's the under sheriff.

ADB: Okay, tell me where Mason County is from ...

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MJR: South of Tacoma.

ADB: Do you know where Olympia is?

MJR: It's west of Olympia.

ADB: And the under sheriff there is kind of a dirty sucker

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MJR: Nick Patterson.

ADB: ... and how does he tie into this group or whatever?

MJR: He's part of the group.

ADB: As in dope or as in sexual ritualistic...?

MJR: All of the above. Pretty bizarre ...

ADB: Nice guy, huh?

MJR: Nice bunch of fellas.

ADB: So Nick Patterson ... you want to take Nick Patterson out ...

MJR: No, I want the whole group. The leader of the group is a guy named Don ...

ADB: I'm interrupting you all the time, and I know it's frustrating. If I let you flow, I can't get the continuity the way I need it, and I know it's really frustrating. Hang with me, but ... why do you want to take this guy off? Because it's going to help your child custody case, because you think he's a bad guy ...

MJR: No, the child custody case.

ADB: Okay, you don't care if he's a bad guy, you just want your child custody case ...

MJR: We just want the custody case out of the way.

ADB: And what did you think Nick Patterson was going to do for your child custody case, expose everybody in his little cult or what?

MJR: Well, the judge in the child custody case is part of this rank.

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ADB: Come on ...

MJR: My stepson was with his uncle, Richard LaMont on Jim Neiland's boat in 1984 ...

ADB: Wait a minute, you are going much faster than my mind, my pen can go. Okay, we've got the judge and Jim Neiland. Who the hell is Jim Neiland and who's the judge?

MJR: Jim Neiland is a former Deputy Director of the Washington State Patrol. He's now retired and he has a consulting firm known as Northwest Strategies.

ADB: Okay, do you think that these guys are a bunch of pedophiles? An organized ring of pedophiles that like little kids or do you think they're just a bunch of guys getting their jollies off ...

MJR: No, there's something pathological about the group. The custody case started and investigation. That investigation led to the under sheriff in Thurston County, which is the adjoining county. The way that happened was we realized we had a can of worms in Mason county and John Munson who was a family friend of ours knew the prosecutor, Pat Sutherland, in Thurston County.

ADB: Where is Thurston County?

MJR: It's the county immediately east of Mason County and south of Pierce County, which is Tacoma. Thurston County covers Olympia, the state capitol. So, we go to the prosecutor there. We want to find out who can we talk to trust in Mason County. He listens to our story in total disbelief.

ADB: Which you can't quite blame him ...

MJR: Three to four days later he calls John back, frantic. "Get down to my office NOW." Brings us into the office, and he says, look, guys, I got a problem here. He says one of my deputies is right in the middle of all this, and we buttonholed him, they didn't arrest him yet, but they sat him down and he started talking and he named names of other people.

ADB: You would think that this ... you don't have the name of this deputy?

MJR: Paul Ingram.

ADB: Paul Ingram, using my language, will corroborate the fact that all of these folks involved in this child custody case, going clear back to your snitch, Steve Halvorsen, are in this ...

MJR: He laid it all out.

ADB: ... are in this sicko organization.

TG: Is this Paul or Jim Ingram?

MJR: Paul. Now what had happened was ...

ADB: Wait a minute, you're going to have to slow down ... Deputy Sheriff, and he's with ...

MJR: Thurston County.

ADB: Thurston County; spilled guts. Go ahead.

MJR: And he named a guy in the State Patrol and he named another fellow deputy. The other fellow deputy was the man who's been in charge of all the sexual abuse crimes over the last fifteen years in the county. Anyway, Ingram pleads guilty. The other two guys ...

ADB: Ingram pleads guilty to being a sexual deviate?

MJR: Oh yeah. He goes into ritualistic ...

ADB: In other words we've got a court record on all this stuff?

MJR: Oh yeah. They dug up half the county looking for bodies.

TG: Did they find them?

MJR: They just found a few traces of human remains.

ADB: So what are we doing ... is this snuff killing kind of shit?

MJR: Oh they had a film-making operation.

ADB: Oh my god. You know I'm a coroner, right? I just had a class on snuff killing, so ... all right ...

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MJR: They've got a movie house down in Mason County that produces films.

ADB: I was thinking I could recoup some money by selling this to Hollywood; they'll never buy it. Too much bullshit. Okay, so let's try and short circuit this.

MJR: Okay. In the custody case, there are always women in this church group, so-called Christian church group. They guys were super Christians, and all women were in bondage to their husbands as per the Bible. You couldn't disobey your husband because the Lord said, you know. And they were all going off the deep end. Nancy Owen, who is the wife, the former, the ex-wife of Senator Brandolin (SP?) of Mason County, decides to go get some psychiatric help. She winds up with this therapist ...

ADB: She tells the therapist everything ...

MJR: She tells the therapist what's going on and he goes "Oh Brother," and he hires an investigator, finds out that Brad is shackled up with a page, a young page.

ADB: Page; what do you mean page?

MJR: They have high school kids helping, running ...

ADB: Oh, page like in ...

MJR: Legislator.

ADB: Like a Washington Senator ... okay.

MJR: Yeah. He's got this sixteen-year-old page shackled up in a trailer.

TG: Male or female?

MJR: Female. And Nancy gets the goods on it and it's a real nasty divorce. But everything is all quieted down and at that time Nancy brings all these other women to this therapist, E. Fred Wilson. Roberta is one of them. They are all dysfunctional. You know there are these women who are all a mess and all of them wound up in nasty divorces. So they ran the therapist out of town.

ADB: Okay, Mike, but what I'm concerned about now, what I'm trying to do ... it's obvious to you what I'm trying to do. I'm trying to take and show some motivation here. Is it a fair statement (I sound like I'm in court, don't I?) to say that you

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believe that Steve Halvorsen, because of your interference and all that into this pan of bullshit, which is not really that germane as I see it at this point to our deal except as it ties back to Steve Halvorsen. That he set you up with the DEA folks. Now is that your belief?

MJR: Yes. And the Washington State ...

ADB: Whoever. Okay, so as far as this sexual ring and all that, that's the motivation, but it's not anything to do with you except how you got into it. I mean I don't want to get off on that red herring if it's not germane.... So what now did the ... going back to March 29th now, at any time did you have in possession (that's a legal term) ... When they hit you, the twelve guys with the shotguns, my understanding through Ted is that you picked up a bar of pure speed.

MJR: No, I didn't have ... there was nothing found on us. The speed came from Halvorsen at the marina.

TG: With the camera.

MJR: Yeah. He took ...

ADB: This is the seven-minute tape where Halvorsen drives up, on tape, you allegedly ...

MJR: No, no, no ... we drive up, I get out of the car, the other two people stay in the car, I get out of the car and I go to the front porch. I mean the people in the car can still see me, and I talk to Halvorsen and I give him the two tags for the boat, you know, since Jerry isn't there. Jerry is who I usually deal with, and he runs the marina. Steve is just a part-time guest at that house until he can find a regular place to live. It's actually Jerry's house that I went to. And Jerry has been gone for quite a while, out of sight, and I'm wondering what happened to Jerry because I don't think ... I think the cops just removed him from the scene. Anyway, we ... I never went inside the house that evening.

ADB: But they've got you on tape inside the house, right?

MJR: That's what they say.

ADB: Okay, forget what they say. I mean, you never went in.

MJR: Never went in the house.

ADB: Did you exchange anything with Steve Halvorsen?

MJR: Just gave him the tags for the boat.

ADB: Biggie -- tags to boat.

TG: What's Jerry's last name?

MJR: I can't remember right now.

ADB: Okay tags to the boat. We can zero in on that, you know video tape, you know what I'm saying? Okay. Now, you've got the tags to the boat and hand off to Halvorsen, you come down the porch or down the steps and they take you off at this point?

MJR: No. We get in the car and ...

ADB: You drive over to this place, this marina place.

MJR: No, no. We're at the marina. The house is at the marina.

ADB: That's where I'm confused.

MJR: The house is where the marina operator lives. Now we drive away from the house and we get about a mile and a half down the road and that's where they take us down.

ADB: Okay, Highway Patrol ...

MJR: No, undercover, unmarked ...

ADB: Okay, by the way that's not supposed to go down that way. That's a no-no unless it's an emergency. So when they take you out of the car, what've you got? That's incriminating.

MJR: I've got cash on me. I had about \$10,600.00 bucks on me when I started ...

ADB: Is there any way we can prove that? Anybody saw you pull out a flash roll or anything like that?

MJR: I bought back ... I paid somebody up in Seattle \$1,000.00 bucks for a box of files and records.

ADB: Who is that somebody?

MJR: Rod made the deal. It was at the Ulysses Restaurant.

ADB: So somebody can say that they saw you pull out a roll of money and pull ten one hundreds off and pay somebody, right?

MJR: Well I gave it to Rod and he paid it to whoever his contact was. You see, I have no credibility on the streets among the druggies. They think I'm a cop. Everybody knows I'm ...

ADB: ...working for the other side.

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: If you had developed some snitches that could come along and say yeah word's on the street you're working for the good guys, you could just kind of ...

MJR: I asked my attorney, one of my attorneys, John Carfort (?), knows the head of Narcotics in Tacoma, and I said you ask him what the words is about me on the street, and ...

ADB: So now they've made a case on you for operating a clandestine laboratory.

MJR: Okay, the boat tags are "brand new." They were just purchased the day that I came over.

ADB: But, Mike, where's the dope? I haven't found any dope yet.

MJR: The dope was in the house.

ADB: Which house?

MJR: At Halvorsen's house. What they're saying is that I delivered it there. Okay? They're saying that I delivered all this dope to Halvorsen's house.

ADB: Okay, I'm going to ask it, and it's going to be recorded for future prosperity. As you well know, being the sophisticated guy you are, anything that you tell me and/or Ted is one thousand million percent privileged, and I would rather know now and deal with that because what you're asking me to believe, and what you're asking Ted to believe (and I'm not saying it hasn't happened before, I'm just saying its very extraordinary) is that somebody is willing to commit a felony (that is, obstruct justice) (why?) to set you up, who has the cloak and authority of the goddamn Justice Department of the United States of America. See what I'm trying to say? Or, you're fucking lying right now. One of those two scenarios are the only two possible scenarios that are possible. Do you see what I'm saying?

MJR: Oh, absolutely.

ADB: So it's critical for me to know ... because it's okay if you ... I've dealt with ... I mean it isn't going to make me work any less for you. I just want to know ...

MJR: I understand that.

ADB: ... what the truth is because how I help you is going to depend on what you tell me. Now if I'm dealing with an obstruction of justice case on the part of the United States Government, I don't know if you've got enough money and enough resources to beat that. And so we're going to have to do ... you know, we're really going to have to come up with something. Now if you did, in fact, deliver (it could have been for somebody else you could have been having some motive), I don't know, but I want to know it. You delivered boat tags.

MJR: Boat tags. I had a boat there for years. The boat's registered in my own name, the storage contract at the marina is in my own name ...

ADB: I don't know how much time you're going to spend up here, but what I want to do is I know this is getting into the other guy's area a little bit, but it's going to be ... is to interview those DEA agents. It's standard policy, as I'm sure you know to pat down the guy and now it's being done on video tape for the search to show that they didn't have anything there. I want to know who did that. Do you see what I mean? In other words, this is an absolute reverse of the normal situation.

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: The normal situation is the CI comes out with the money and they check the CI who doesn't have any dope and he's all clear.

TG: You're talking about the video tape.

ADB: We know what the video tape shows at this point.

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Okay, we're back on the record again. It's now 14:20. We had a discussion off the record that was simply ministerial and dealt with some logistical stuff for the investigation.

Now, you're arrested, you're taken to jail, you're given an arraignment ...

MJR: No, we're not taken ... we're taken out in the woods, but they had a command who had a vantage point to the marina. They had a motor home.

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ADB: Did they try to turn you into ... make a snitch out of you and all that stuff?

MJR: No, they did the other two people that were with me, this guy driving the car and ...

ADB: That would also be standard operating procedure too. Okay, at any time did you ask for an attorney at this point?

MJR: Oh, yeah.

ADB: Wait a minute. Who was present? All of them sitting around ...

MJR: All of them sitting around, and then Rod and Andrea (those were the two people who were with me, the guy and his girlfriend) they were about three hundred yards away from me and the agents were talking to them, trying to get them to tell something about me, and they just told them everything they knew. I mean, they were scared to death. They automatically ...

ADB: Are Rod and Andrea players, fringe folks?

MJR: I'd say fringe. Rod used to be a computer serviceman for IBM for mini frame computers ...

ADB: Is he on the drug scene at all?

MJR: Yeah. He's an addict. He's on it. He and the other ...

ADB: Like speed or what?

MJR: No, no, no. Heroin. He's now on a Methadone program. He's kicked Heroin. He's on the program.

ADB: Okay, so he's on shit and what about the gal?

MJR: She's also on, you know, they've got a problem.

ADB: So they've got them out there in the woods at a command post and they don't give up on you at all because they don't know anything.

MJR: They really don't know anything.

ADB: Then what happened?

MJR: They take us downtown, and they take us to their headquarters and book us in there then they take us to separate jails. Her and ... Andrea and Rod get brought to Pierce County and I get brought to this county.

ADB: I'm really a neophyte on all these jurisdictions. We're in Tacoma. This didn't take place in Tacoma?

MJR: It took place outside of Tacoma.

ADB: In this county?

MJR: In this county.

ADB: So you're in the proper jail you're supposed to be in where you were arrested.

MJR: Now I am.

ADB: All right. Now, at some point you had to be assigned a public defender and/or your own lawyer to make a first appearance at arraignment. Okay, who was the lawyer that made that appearance?

MJR: John Crawford.

ADB: Okay, who is he?

MJR: He's a lawyer from here in Tacoma.

ADB: Is he a personal one that you selected?

MJR: No, John Rosalini brought him. John Rosalini was my regular attorney and he brought in ...

ADB: Does John Rosalini probably heads up a lot into the civil area and not so much criminal and he thought John Crawford a better criminal guy, is that ...?

MJR: He knows the system here in Tacoma.

ADB: Okay, but he brought him in as kind of a specialist, right?

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: Okay, so you go for arraignment, they have a bail motion and the judge denies it, right?

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MJR: That's correct.

ADB: And he denied it on what basis?

MJR: The government says that I had a large sum of money ...

ADB: How did they know that? How did they say they knew that?

MJR: They just heard from informants and they had records .. the DEA had records of my comings and goings overseas and that I ...

ADB: ... that you were just one heavy weight Class I dope dealer ...

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: ... and said that you could split the country ...

MJR: Right.

ADB: ... because you could step out on your bail. So you have a no bail right now.

MJR: No bail.

TG: And dangerous to society.

MJR: And I was dangerous. I was supposedly dangerous.

ADB: On the basis of what. I mean, what was the information that they put out in the court?

MJR: The judge said anybody that deals in drugs is dangerous.

ADB: So you've got a ... judge ...

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: Okay, what we need to do is come up with ... to find out who the prosecutor is and what the source is. If they're using hearsay evidence to hold him, we can have a hearing on that, a direct bail hearing. Have you had a direct bail hearing?

MJR: Is that what that was?

TG: Let me try and explain. I testified for him at the bail hearing. What the U.S. Attorney did (the guy's name is Bell), he came in and made all kinds of hearsay statements about how dangerous Mike was and in regard to the money he said that he heard from the U.S. Attorney that Mike had access to all this money. Too, he heard from the San Francisco Police Department that Mike was a suspect in a murder in San Francisco in 1982, wasn't it?

MJR: Yeah.

TG: And I can understand ... I said I have never heard of such irresponsible, ridiculous statements in my life. I said this man ... if he is an attorney cannot make (I said this myself) ... so anyway this is basically ... it's a kangaroo hearing, is what it was. Kangaroo court. So what happens? They did not have a court reporter there. They recorded it.

ADB: That's okay, a lot of people are doing that now.

TG: I know. But, the tape's gone. So there's nothing to appeal.

MJR: Right.

ADB: Oh yes there is. What do you mean, they can't find the tape?

TG: The tape is gone.

MJR: Gone.

ADB: I'm getting excited here.

MJR: I also objected to my attorney that Ken Bell was dirty, that he's part of this drug ring, and Ken Bell was talking to me for old time's sake when we were in the courtroom and giving me a hard time and you could tell that we knew each other from way back. Even the marshals were shocked, and they asked me about it when they were taking me back to jail.

ADB: Now ...

TG: I asked his attorney to appeal on the basis of this and they said no.

ADB: This is a great point for me to think like a lawyer. You're in here, he's in Los Angeles, I'm in Utah, and we gotta sell ... to get you out of all this because if what you say is true ... we've got ...

MJR: I can't deal with it in court.

ADB: You can't. I mean because they're going to bury you and it's obvious that at some point in time you might be able to appeal it, but you'll be here two years and you don't want to do that. So what it seems ...

MJR: ... the rest of my life. They're not ... they want me off the street and keeping ...

ADB: Okay, here's where I want to go right now. This can be completely a total overkill for me, but just so you know a little bit about the way I work, I'm a crazy son of a bitch, but I get results. But, at the same time, I'm sitting here looking at you going, you've got some pissed off people. If you've got six hundred million bucks. Now wait a minute ...

MJR: Let me tell you what was going on. Ted called me one day and says get a hold of Maury Terry. At his office. This is about a month before I was arrested ... about six weeks before I'm arrested on these charges. Maury Terry says call Frank May (?) in the Intelligence Unit of the Miami P.D., and I said oh God what do they want to talk to me about? We had just gotten out of in front of the Grand Jury on illegal arms charges in Miami and I figured ...

ADB: Who are you tied up with there?

MJR: Carlos Cardoin.

ADB: Is that part of Alpha 66?

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: 26th Brigade or what?

MJR: Alpha 66, and the original task force ...

ADB: Did God ... I'm all tied in with that. My whole company stuff goes all to Cuba and Latin America ...

MJR: Do you know who Sergio Acosias (?) is ...

ADB: Oh yes.

MJR: Well, Sergio ...

ADB: Ileana Ros-Lehtinen was at my house, who was her father, is ...

MJR: John Rosalini, my current attorney, his father was the State Governor here, three-term State Governor. He introduced me to John Kennedy personally when I was a kid, when I was 12 years old and my dad handled Rosalini Sr.'s campaign. He also was campaign advisor to Magnason (?) and Jackson and two Senators from this state. He was a heavy duty lobbyist in D.C. ... Anyway, I met certain people on the Cuban Exile Committee, and Sergio ... I was making bugs when I was 12 years old, and Sergio Acosias was the guy I got connected with and very very close with those people, even to this day. They were mad at the Kennedys because the Kennedys just chalked them off. Then when the Nixon administration took them up, they treated them like they were their own private army and they didn't like that ...

ADB: I know all about that ...

MJR: Anyway, I've just done technical things with those people, and I've been paid well for it. I've never gotten involved ...

ADB: Who paid you?

MJR: Sergio Acosias.

ADB: And you think they had company funds to pay you?

MJR: Oh absolutely.

ADB: Okay, so what's that got to do with this intelligence unit guy with the Miami P.D.?

MJR: He calls me and says we've got a case on the books that has been on the books for a long time. This Severino San Ramano, a Filipino who left a will as he was dying, and he was poisoned, and he left all of this money to somebody who had a lot of political clout, so we basically have a homicide here and we have all this money. We thought at first it was some kind of fraud and then in trying to liquidate the funds we found that it was originally government money. There was about \$1.2 billion that's tied up here. And they've got various financial instruments, but they're on several banks and the banks won't budge on them.

ADB: Okay, so you don't have access to them.

MJR: No, wait a minute. The reason why they won't budge is because these instruments are leveraged instruments, and I control the leverage on the instruments.

ADB: Through a computer hacking type deal?

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MJR: You've got it. Okay, now, let me explain. When my partner, Paul was murdered in 1982, I didn't know who did it. Nichols and the Wackenhut people lied to me and I found out that that was a sanctioned hit on Paul. Okay? I mean, I went straight to ...

ADB: You're talking sanctioned by company folks?

MJR: No. National Security Council. I talked to General Ed Myer just as close as you and I are talking ...

ADB: I know Ed very well.

MJR: Okay, then you ... okay ...

ADB: Why did they hit him?

MJR: John Nichols told them that Paul was working for the Soviets. What had happened was Paul called Nichols onto the carpet for double dipping into our joint venture.

ADB: Okay, when I knew Nichols he was supposedly laundering money for Ferdinand Marcos in 1977.

MJR: You mean Bob Nichols.

TG: We're talking about two Nichols ...

ADB: Oh, I'm way off on track then. I'm tracking Bob, not John. Who's John?

MJR: John P. Nichols was running the joint venture with the Camizon (?) Indians for Wackenhut Security.

ADB: I know nothing about this, so I'm not ...

MJR: John P. Nichols is the one who put the red herring out on Paul that he was involved with the Soviets and that he had disrupted several operations. There was one operation down in Nicaragua where fifty operatives were captured and ...

ADB: What year was that?

MJR: That was in ...

ADB: '82?

MJR: No, no, no, '81.

ADB: Does the word "summer fruit" mean anything to you?

MJR: No. I work in gravel (?) a lot. You're talking about the solvent plant and the cement plant? I helped stage those operations, okay? The solvent plant and the cement plant. They were going to blow up the kilne, we were going to put a bomb down the dolphin ... I was in on all of that.

TG: Go back to Miami.

ADB: I'm trying to get ... look, I've got ... just to tell you where I'm going here. All this good clandestine bullshit is wonderful. I've got war stories to tell you for years to come. I'm trying to help you get out of this spot. I've got to a shit-straight, good-guy, ballsy mother fucker by the name of Dexter C. Lethinen. Read up on him, he's in Time Magazine ...

MJR: U.S. Attorney ...

ADB: U.S. Attorney in Miami. He and I left each other two weeks ago, I had him out at my house for a week with his son, Doug, and all that ...

MJR: He's tough enough to take on ...

ADB: He and Thornberg hate each other, and Thornberg tried to enter into the Noriega case and Dexter got him out. The President loves Ileana and Dexter and he won out that little fight. But what I'm getting at is he's the only guy I know that's ballsy enough to take on a good case if we're going higher up, where anybody else is going to put it under the rug. I've got ... I've got to be able to whet his appetite; that you're not just some damn asshole French player down here that knows a lot of the cocktail language in the intrigue business, but that there is in fact ... because I'm going to have to show him that there is in fact U.S. Correction ...

MJR: I've got what's known as a paperwork trail ...

ADB: Okay, I understand that. You see, I want you to channel yourself when you're talking to me to make sure that we're tracking this thing ... all I'm going to do is say hey we've got to go with this and you've got to get that goddamn guy in Tacoma to break this thing off which looks like it's set up anyway, which may be part of the whole deal. But at the same time, I need to get back to the six hundred million bucks. And the reason I want to get back to the six hundred million bucks is you've laid on all these things so nobody can move it. You're pissing somebody off.

MJR: Oh, you bet.

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ADB: But I need to know who.

MJR: That's what we've got to figure out. Okay?

ADB: I knew there was ...

MJR: When I found out that Nichols was responsible ...

ADB: John.

MJR: John P. Nichols told a lie that got Paul Morasca killed ...

ADB: Paul Morasca was killed in Miami?

MJR: No, he was killed in San Francisco in our office condominium.

ADB: And he was hit classic style: automatic weapons ...

MJR: No, he was bound with a telephone cord, hog tied, and then allowed to suffocate. Then they'd revive him, question him, and then they'd suffocate him again. You know, slow strangulation. The guy who did it, Philip Arthur Thompson, had me tied up, we were in rush hour traffic ...

ADB: Okay, was Thompson eventually arrested and convicted for the murder?

MJR: No, not at all.

ADB: Where's Thompson today?

MJR: He's in State Prison in California.

ADB: He got arrested for something.

MJR: Something else. But they won't go after anybody on this murder. They have more than enough ...

ADB: Who won't?

MJR: The State of California. There was an article in Penthouse magazine by Mary Fricker and Steve Piezo and they quoted homicide detectives (they didn't name them) as saying that they ran into a wall of interference from the FBI, the DEA, the State Department and the CIA in trying to pursue the Morasca murder and the Alvarez murders. Now, when I found out that Nichols was responsible for that ... well first off ..

TG: John P.

MJR: John P.

ADB: I'm tracking John now.

MJR: I went looking for Paul Morasco only after he did not show up for a meeting with Phil Porath. Phil Porath was an investigator for the agency, on heavy duty thefts.

ADB: What agency?

MJR: The CIA. When agents are ...

ADB: Do you work for para military, 303, any of those things?

MJR: No, it is out of the Directorate of Operations.

ADB: Out of Langley itself?

MJR: Yeah. Now, he was looking into all of these gold bars that disappeared from the Republic of South Viet Nam. Bill Jensen was working ...

ADB: Ohhhh ...

MJR: Do you know Bill Jensen? From Franco American? He was working with Paul Morasca and I. I was doing all the computer stuff.

ADB: You're talking about the bars that supposedly caught in '75?

MJR: Yeah, the five ounce bars. Okay?

ADB: Do you know how long that story has circulated around?

MJR: Yeah, but most of it's been picked up. The government picked up most of that.

ADB: Okay, back to ... who owns the six hundred million?

MJR: No, wait a minute. What happened was, after I found out who had done what ... well, after Paul didn't show up to meet Porath, I went to the condominium and that's where I found him dead.

ADB: Were you ever a suspect because you found him dead?

MJR: That's why. And they've stated that I was the one who found him.

ADB: Okay, but nobody every put charges on you?

MJR: No. I appeared in front of the Grand, the Coroner's Grand Jury, and I told them everything I knew and, in fact, I went in with forty pounds of papers and the cops there finally got tired of photocopying that they didn't even photocopy it all. I mean I was over-communicating to the Grand Jury. Anyway, when I found out that Nichols was the fly in the ointment here, boy I got mad and I wanted answers. I didn't want any more lies from Nichols, from Bob Fry, John Vanderworker, any of these people. So I focused ... I started doing some research ... Barry Smith who is an associate of Bob Nichols, had done some research on some interlocking Directorates with the board members of Wackenhut and other positions and I started to get an idea of how deeply involved in the Nugen-Hand Bank the Wackenhut people were. Paul Morasca and I were very close to Michael Hand.

ADB: Now, who's Michael Hand?

MJR: Michael Hand was one of the principals of Nugen-Hand Bank. He's now on the run.

TG: Disappeared?

MJR: Yeah. He's in Canada. Now, when Paul was alive, Paul was supporting him, sending him money, and then after that I've been sending him money up until I've been locked up here. What I did was I had a complete set of all the records for Nugen-Hand that had not been destroyed.

ADB: Did you hack that or what?

MJR: Oh no, I got them from Michael Hand.

ADB: What function were you doing for them?

MJR: I set up the whole data processing base. See, I was a principal in Time Share. Do you know what Time Share is?

ADB: No.

MJR: It's the first computer time share service company that in 1965 ...

ADB: I'm not even a user friendly person ...

MJR: This is a giant computer communications company, and all the Justice Department field offices communicate via Time Net. Okay, FOIMS (for the FBI: Field Office Information Management System) is all done via Time Net. Okay? Most of your big banking positions ...

ADB: Does that tie into Bob Nichols?

MJR: No. Anyway, I developed some technology which I sold to the corporation Time Share and I took ... I was just a 15-year-old kid, and I took stock, and let Tom O'Rourke (?) the current chief executive hold my stock, and I don't even know what it's worth.

ADB: You still can prove it's yours?

MJR: Oh yeah. If I can get out of here inside of three or four days I can liquidate a considerable amount of it.

ADB: Why can't we just do a power of attorney and liquidate what you need?

MJR: I'm trying to get someone to go and see ... I've got a visit tonight and the party is going to go see O'Rourke and get me some money.

ADB: We've tracked off again. What I want to go is get back to this intelligence guy and ...

TG: The six hundred million dollars.

MJR: I had the Nugen-Hand records and I analyzed the situation and I looked at the Saudi position. What they were doing is they were taking people's paychecks, you know, foreign workers who were working in the ...

ADB: Filipinos and people like that over there ...

MJR: ... talking, giving them unbelievable deals just to put their money in the bank.

ADB: And they were skimming the interest?

MJR: Yeah, oh yeah. So, what I did I was looking at block transfers on swift chips, and reconciliations ...

ADB: You've lost me there.

MJR: Anyway, what I did was I screwed up everything with the automated clearing house between the Nugen Hand ...

ADB: So nothing could be liquidated.

MJR: No, what I did was I created a virtual bank on the automated clearing house system and I funneled all that money into it and then I funneled it out of there into blocked currencies of Third World countries and that way all that money was all of a sudden leveraged about 20 to 1 in Third World countries where nobody could get it. It's an involved procedure ...

ADB: I can't today track the technical paper trail ...

MJR: That's what I did, I put it into blocked currencies ...

ADB: What I'm trying to do is get to the bottom line.

MJR: What I did is I called John P. Nichols ...

ADB: And said okay, mother, I've gotcha, right?

MJR: Well, a couple of days before that I'd been in Indio and I stayed at this motel and I had an uneasy feeling. I'd met with the FBI the week before that. The told me never go ... the supervisor told me never go back to Indio because Nichols would kill me. Then, plus, the Wackenhut people would have me killed. So I checked into this motel and I dove out the bathroom window and went between the buildings, up behind the buildings and walked up to a pay phone and called my cousin and had him pick me up. I stayed with my cousin. That night I left a slow tape recorder on stashed in the room. That night Jimmy Hughes and Sam Bates went in ...

ADB: Who are they?

MJR: Two torpedoes for Nichols.

ADB: As in John Nichols?

MJR: They were all pissed off because I wasn't there. They were there to kill me.

ADB: You heard them talking like "the sleazy bastard got away from us."

MJR: Yeah, yeah.

ADB: Do you have those tapes anywhere?

MJR: Yes I do. They're down in the desert. We should have them in a day or two. Now, listen. So the next morning I go into Nichols' office. He comes in at 6:30 to have his coffee and Jackie, the secretary, doesn't get there until about a quarter to eight. So I walk in, I've got my leather jacket on, and I've got a little 22 Magnum 5-shot Freedom pistol in one pocket and I've got a grenade, a fragmentation grenade, in the other that I pulled the pin out of.

ADB: I like your style! You're my kind of people!

MJR: It's in my pocket and he knows that I've got both hands in my pockets. Through the thin leather jacket you can see the ...

ADB: ... pineapple.

MJR: And he's expecting his boys to come in and report that I've been whacked. They're afraid to come in until they find me so they're still out cruising the streets trying to find me. So I spent a few minutes there with him, basically telling him goodbye, fuck you, I know what you're up to. I wanted my files and he refused to give them to me, and I leave. My cousin, Anthony, was driving me around and so I get back in the car, we get down the road and I'm trying to get the goddamn pin back in the grenade.

ADB: Is it a live grenade, or a dummy grenade?

MJR: With Nichols, if you bluff he'll smell it. The guy's an animal, and you cannot bluff that kind of a man. The way I felt ... Paul was like a brother to me. The only thing I feel I've done wrong is I haven't avenged his death with Nichols.

ADB: Where is Nichols today? If we were to ...

MJR: He's down in the desert.

ADB: If I was to get everybody excited about taking an asshole like Nichols out, who would get excited about that?

MJR: He seems to be protected. Ted and I ...

ADB: By the FBI, by the ...

MJR: His buddies. I've been to lunch and dinner with him and William Webster before Webster became DCI.

ADB: Oh shit. Webster's straight, isn't he?

MJR: No. Absolutely ...

ADB: What!

MJR: NO. Absolutely not.

ADB: Former federal judge out of where? Where's Webster ...

TG: St. Louis.

MJR: Yeah. He's not straight. There's a movement within the agency to knock him off, get him out of there, and it's gaining steam now.

ADB: You mean he's politically ... he comes off like Mr. Joe ...

MJR: Clean. But he's not. He's very close to Nichols. Nichols would have conversations with him every day and they would take place at John ...

ADB: What is Nichols' illegal bag? What does he do besides ... I mean what's his scam?

MJR: Out of the labor movement. International, I believe.

ADB: Has he got ties with any ... just a regular old wise guys or any ...

MJR: Victor Vitello down in Miami. Buzzy Catalini in Boston. Fat Tony Arcada in Chicago. Stu Dueg and Thomas Morrison and those guys out of Vegas.

ADB: So how come you're still alive if he's connected that heavy?

MJR: I really don't know.

ADB: They've got a lot of torpedoes and a lot of guns in that crew.

MJR: Well they ... Ted and I have been living like dogs. How many times have they tried to whack you?

ADB: What am I getting into? Now I've got to carry around an M-47 ...

MJR: Montoya told Ted one night ...

ADB: I heard that story.

MJR: ... and saved his life, and we've ...

ADB: You know what I want to do? I want to find Montoya and Daddy gonna have a little talk.

TG: Tell Michael that. We sent John ... Michael and I and Bob Nichols sent John P. Nichols up for two years.

MJR: Got him on solicitation of murder charges. Okay? What I did was I fixed him up with a biker whore. Her old man was down at Terminal Island and he was going to get out in 15 months ... broke ... he didn't even have commissary money, she was on the streets, so I offered to pay her to go live with Nichols, and get next to him. His wife ...

ADB: Is he a bachelor or ...

MJR: His wife had died. Heavy set ...

ADB: How old of a guy is he?

MJR: In his sixties; heavy set guy in his sixties, so I set him up with this biker mama. She leaves her kids with her mom and goes up and plays the role. All of a sudden she cuts him off. She has these problems and she's all emotional and scared; these people are out to get her and this, that and the other, and he says oh tell me all about it. So plant him with the names of real people in the community and then he starts making phone calls to Chicago and I tape them all, and he's calling his contact back there to hire a hit man. I had already been back there once on my behalf and on Ted's behalf when they had hired a couple of hit men to come out and get Ted and I. We found out ...

ADB: Why did they want Ted?

MJR: Ted ...

ADB: In other words why are they going to want me after I walk out of here? I want to know what I'm going to die for.

MJR: Ted ... Bryan O'Neal set Ted up on this deal in the investigation with Ferranti, and it was over Ted's involvement in the McDonald case. He knew that Ted ... he's a former U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles. He knew that Ted, through his normal due diligence, would get to the bottom of the thing with Ferranti and that it would irritate the mob in Chicago. What happened was, Ted found the guy who was the trigger man in the Ferranti thing, although he really wasn't the trigger man. He was just to pump some slugs into Ferranti to hurt him real good and make it look like a good attempt on his life. The guy's name was Sam Marowitz, a professional hit man.

ADB: I've heard of him. Where's he at now?

TG: Israel.

MJR: Israel. Marowitz pumps Ferranti full of slugs, Ferranti through O'Neal hires Ted, Ted investigates it, comes up with an artist's conception, and Bob Nichols and I find out what's going on here, and Ted goes to his contacts and he winds up right in Eddie Nash's front room. Eddie Nash is a big Israeli mafia guy there. Ted backs Eddie Nash down and Eddie Nash tells him where the hit came from, that it was basically his own people and it was orchestrated out of San Francisco by his own people, meaning people involved with the FBI, and it was out of San Francisco when the hit was orchestrated on Ted. Now, Bob and I go grab Marowitz; I mean,

we instantly recognize Marowitz and remember us snickering, you know?

ADB: So our artist's conception tips of who he is to you guys?

MJR: Yeah. So we hang Marowitz upside in that airplane hangar, you know, off the hoist, and Bob starts up the plane and revs it up and he's being sucked into this ...

ADB: Bob who?

MJR: Nichols.

ADB: My Bob Nichols?

MJR: Yeah. And we've got this 55-gallon drum of water and I figured rather make a mess of him in the airplane ...

ADB: Are you there watching this?

MJR: No, oh no. Ted ...

TG: I've got to stay clean.

MJR: We never told ...

ADB: In other words you have your own interrogation technique?

MJR: Yeah. By the time Bob got finished with him he wanted to die. He wanted us to end it right there. Please.

ADB: Bob started out in my judgment as a torpedo for all those people over ...

MJR: You bet.

ADB: So he's got the guts to go through with it, right?

MJR: Oh yeah. Anyway, so he starts talking and Bob goes out of the room like this: "Oh my God, I don't want to hear anymore, covering his ears." This Marowitz starts confessing to every hit he's ever done, including the Dorfman killings in Chicago.

ADB: Dorfman, the rich ...

TG: Union.

ADB: ... union guy.

MJR: So Ted sends an artist's conception to the County DA.

TG: I didn't know about this. See I'm just an investigator.

MJR: But Ted, on his own, sends the artist's conception to the County Prosecutor, and it's a hit. And I mean all hell breaks loose. All of a sudden Ted has found the torpedo in the Dorfman killings.

ADB: These guys ... they want this guy, right?

MJR: Kirk County does, yeah. The thing is, whoever orchestrated this whole thing knows that Marowitz knew all of this other stuff, knew who hired him, and knew that Ted would eventually find out and it would make it so hot for Ted that the mob would have to him out of the picture. That's what they did, and Ted's been on the street ever since then. I mean he's been living like a dog. With people dogging him. That's just what started it. Then Ted an inroads into this cult business and where it merges with the Agency and with the mob and their shenanigans and ...

ADB: I never knew anybody in the agency who needed to get involved in the cult because none of them have got any religion.

MJR: Well, they use a person's belief structure, and turn them ...

ADB: Do or die for God and America, and all that ...

MJR: Whatever.

ADB: Extreme right wing type deal or what?

MJR: No, it's a ritualistic, demon type ...

ADB: Satanic worship here?

MJR: Yeah.

TG: Satanic worship.

MJR: There are major people in the U.S. Army that are involved.

ADB: I knew about that. The Colonel ... there's a Colonel ...

MJR: That's the guy. We got him drummed out. I went to General Brady. Do you know who Patrick Brady is?

ADB: Yes.

MJR: Very close friend of mine. A three-star guy. The Brady Bunch, they nickname him. Lot of pro-active type stuff and he got Queeno (?) drummed out of the service. He made it to Colonel ...

ADB: I remember he had his little hair cut down ...

MJR: Yeah. His Halloween costume. So we got sucked into that.

ADB: Well, should we make a deal for the book rights and go for it? I'm kidding.

MJR: So anyway, we get Marowitz nailed and I take his passport and his driver's license (in fact I still have his passport and his driver's license) and ...

ADB: You take that from him when you've got him hanging up or what?

MJR: Yeah, we got his I.D. We let him down after he confessed everything. I let him go. I figured ...

ADB: Would Nichols have taken him out?

MJR: Oh, I'm sure.

ADB: Why didn't Nichols kill him?

MJR: Because Nichols didn't want to hear any more.

ADB: But what I'm getting at, Nichols just had a ... Nichols is the kind of guy that I always picture that isolates himself from ... that he has his outer ring that takes care of him not getting his hands dirty so that ... you could make a case on him, hell that's attempted murder for god's sakes!

MJR: He felt so strong about Ted.

ADB: He liked Ted. He was pissed ... so Nichols was the good guy and he was pissed that somebody was out to get Ted.

MJR: For some reason this guy has ... for Ted. Don't ask me ...

ADB: But I got the feeling when I talked to Nichols, he just likes talking to the guys he thinks are straight. Does that make sense? I mean ...

MJR: In my shoes ...

ADB: That's the way I'd ...

TG: The boy's gutsy.

ADB: And he likes to impress you and make you guess ...

MJR: Well, whatever it is, he truly, genuinely ... We knew we had the genuine article with Marowitz, and I didn't care one way or the other what he said. I don't even remember mostly who he was talking about. A lot of names ... and as soon as he started talking about the Dorfman killings, Bob Nichols just exited the area real fast.

ADB: Okay, so Ted turned over to the Cook County people and Marowitz was the trigger on ... Dorfman and they start backtracking with you to put that together to make a case against ...

TG: I don't know what they did ... getting information ...

MJR: What they did ...

ADB: What happened with the case?

MJR: They went to L.A. looking for Marowitz and Marowitz ... you know, we let him go. I took his passport and his driver's license and within a week somebody got him out of the country and he went to Israel.

ADB: So he's hanging out over in Israel now?

MJR: And I sat down with Bob and I said look, Bob, this was a setup to draw us all into this, and he said yeah, I know.

TG: By O'Neal.

MJR: Yeah, by O'Neal.

ADB: Who's O'Neal?

MJR: He's his attorney who was on the McDonald case.

ADB: Oh, that O'Neal. Okay.

TG: You said you knew him.

ADB: Yeah, I do. I just want to make sure ...

MJR: I'm involved in a couple of savings and loans that went belly up. O'Neal is defending for Ronnie, one of the guys, and O'Neal is tied into the Israeli mafia, heavy duty.

ADB: When you said Israeli mafia, you're talking the old ... Mayor Laski (?), the old Jewish thug shit?

MJR: No the stuff that runs through Bank Havoline (?) in this country. That's the Israeli state bank, Bank Havoline (?).

TG: He launders money for them.

MJR: I don't know what O'Neal is doing, but he's definitely ... that's where he ...

ADB: Tell me about ... I mean O'Neal on the outside just acts like he's a typical high-profile defense attorney. Has he got a lot of hidden holding? Can we find those do you think?

MJR: He's on vacation right now. He's overseas and I would say that where he is at overseas ...

ADB: Maybe he's in Israel.

MJR: I think he's in Australia. I suspect he's in Australia. Or Fiji. But you just get his travel records and his telephone records and ... because he's getting some money from Ferrani. Ferrani is putting the squeeze on him over this S & L thing because Ferrani's facing 70 years. Now Ferrani has gotten into Bill Cieay (?) who's the head of the Glazier's Union down in L.A., and ...

ADB: Give me that name again.

MJR: Bill Cieay.

ADB: Do your best to spell ...

MJR: C-I-E ... That's the best I can come up with.

ADB: But he's head of the Glazier's Union.

MJR: He also has a handle on Super Fund money from the Teamsters and Ferrani has got them over a barrel in about a half a dozen projects, and Cieay won't look cross-eyed at Ferrani. So, Ferrani is a point man for somebody. I don't know who that somebody is. Ferrani put a little pressure on O'Neal and O'Neal took "a vacation" to go get some funds to fight this case with Ferrani. How he's going to bring it back in, I have no idea.

ADB: Getting to funds, which is an integral part of my interest at this point. How are we going to fund this thing?

MJR: That I don't know yet. I'm working on it. We've got a coal deal that's going together this weekend, and it should be finalized tomorrow and I'll have some money out of that. I'm liquidating some property, and I'm just ... I've got other people ...

ADB: You got somebody who's going to take care of me? For short term?

MJR: Yeah. Pat's going to take care of that. But anyway, this Bryan O'Neal is definitely a bad guy. He's involved with all the heavies and he definitely drew Ted into a cross with this investigating Ferrani.

ADB: I thought you were working for McDonald.

TG: I work for McDonald, but McDonald's not aware of this. Bernie Seigel was McDonald's first attorney ...

ADB: It's Bernie Seigel I know, not ...

TG: Out of the Bay Area.

ADB: It's not O'Neal, I know ...

TG: Bernie Seigel is working for the first attorney ... McDonald's first attorney out of the Bay Area, and the next attorney was Bryan O'Neal. And it's my opinion that both of them are plants.

MJR: See, Bernie Seigel's involved in this big drug laundering ... money laundering ring which the Justice Department has started to break up and a whole bunch of guys internal in the Justice Department in D.C. are involved and Philadelphia, San Francisco and L.A.

ADB: Are part of this Satanic cult?

MJR: No, they handle money for it ... they handle money for it. Now, the guy in the ...

ADB: What are you talking about, lawyers, are you talking about FBI guys, you talking about clerks, you talking about ...

MJR: You're talking about Justice Department-type lawyers, okay?

ADB: DOJ lawyers, and what do they do?

MJR: And Assistant U.S. Attorneys. They're all in this money laundering ring. The guy who controls that ...

ADB: Out of ... wait a minute ... out of Philly, out of New York, and where?

MJR: No, not New York. Baltimore, Maryland, Los Angeles and San Francisco, and the guy who ...

TG: Philadelphia.

MJR: Yeah, and the guy who runs the ring is this Al Holbert.

ADB: Where's he?

MJR: He's in Ft. Mead right now. Give him Don Bailey's ...

ADB: Al Holbert is what?

MJR: He's a former Israeli Intelligence Officer that came to the United States to give special education classes to all the ... and enforcement agencies. He's dirty as the day is long. He's out of OMV now.

ADB: When you say he's at Ft. Mead, see I was out of ...

MJR: He's ... I don't know what the OMV is doing in Ft. Mead, okay?

ADB: Just so you know, because it may click with you. Ft. Mead has headquarters ISCOM (Intelligence Security Command) which has part of the intelligence network for the Delta Force and all of that kind of stuff.

MJR: The Blue Light ...

ADB: Well, yeah. That all came ... the SFODI which I worked with and for up until '86 is right at Building 4253 at Ft. Mead at the ISCOM headquarters, and we had all the targeting requirements for SOCOM and we had all the assets of these guys, like these Massad people and all that stuff, so I can probably get a line on Holbert.

MJR: Holbert. H-O-L-B-E-R-T.

TG: Put his address on tape. 7852 ...

ADB: Just the Officer Row up in ...

TG: ... Michael Street, Ft. Mead, Maryland. Phone number (301) 674-2936. He's also close with Lt. Col. Crofton (?), a friend of Holbert's. They were supposed to raid a house, I don't know if it was Holbert's house ...

MJR: It was Holbert's house.

ADB: Holbert is tied up with laundry?

MJR: Laundry and in actual drug operations. Now Holbert ...

ADB: What line of drugs are we talking about?

TG: All of them.

MJR: All of them. To give you an example of how a Holbert drug manufacturing operation goes, instead of a normal, O-house triple beam balance, what they do is take a big U-Haul truck, they go get a light weight on the truck scale. They go pick up their goods and then they go back across the truck scale and get weighed on it, and then they know how much the ... stuff is supposed to be there and what the packaging materials weigh. I mean these guys don't have time to individually weigh out ... I mean this is mass scale stuff. Richard Kanazzi (?) works with Holbert. He's out of Fairfield, California, and when they do a meth lab, they usually do 1,500 or 2,000 pounds.

ADB: Right now meth is right around \$11,500.00 a bar, between that and \$10,000.00?

MJR: They sell it a lot cheaper than that. They're on a wholesale level.

TG: My source here is former U.S. Congressman Don Bailey out of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They raided ...

MJR: ... Holbert's house in the '60's. This is when they should have nipped his career in the bud, but the way he got out of it was I guess he blamed it on his kids or something.

TG: He said it was his sons. He said he was a good friend of Ollie's and George's too, by the way. Through the law enforcement officers.

ADB: Ollie ...

TG: Ollie North and George Bush.

ADB: So am I. Not Bush, but I'm Ollie North.

TG: I assume that's who he's referring to.

MJR: Yeah. I know Secord (?) real well.

ADB: I used to work with all that shit from Singlaub ... and you know ... that's when I was tied in with ... it's not my story, I'm just trying to show you ...

MJR: Anyway, Holbert definitely has color of authority to work under.

ADB: So you think he's company connected, right?

MJR: But he's also working for the Soviet GRU, and I've been debriefed by heavies and Holbert tried to get me to defect. He introduced me to this Roman Toporo and they made a ...

ADB: What were you supposed to give them? Computer information?

MJR: No, they wanted my laser heat transfer technology. I developed a way to stabilize the optic ... thermally stabilize the optics of a laser. Not only with a thermalized glass, as per Eli Smitzer's (?) combination, but I figured out another way to dynamically stabilize the optics in a large laser system. I figured out a way to stabilize the cavity itself. I worked with Dr. Shalon (?) who is a co-inventor of the laser and he'll vouch for my capabilities.

ADB: I don't doubt that ...

MJR: They have a list ...

ADB: I still haven't got back to where I can go to my man in Miami and say I've got some targets here that are really heavy and I need some help. See, he's going to want ... I want something in my hand to get him excited, then starting talking to people ...

MJR: You've got what's known as the Fresno Company (that's the Fresno Blue Grass Conspiracy).

ADB: Now the Fresno Company, what are they?

MJR: They're also known as the Kentucky Blue Grass Conspiracy. There was a book written on them.

ADB: What are they, tell me what they are.

MJR: It's a group of guys ...

ADB: So they're a bunch of players, and what about 'em?

MJR: Most of them are cops or ex-military or intelligence people.

ADB: Are they right-winger types or what?

MJR: Yeah, yeah.

ADB: And what have we got on them? What can we do with them?

MJR: Well, I recently developed ... well, Bill Hamilton in Inslaw (?) developed a guy that was right in the middle of it, one of their chief logistics guy. The last time I developed somebody, he didn't quite make it. I was working with the U.S. Attorney out of Fresno. I surfaced most of this. I'm the one they called in, and what happened was before we could get him into a pre-Grand Jury interview, he was ... accidented.

TG: Dropped out of a plane.

MJR: What they did was they pulled his 'chute out of his pack, collapsed his 'chute and his emergency 'chute and just threw him out of the plane.

TG: Over Tennessee?

MJR: Yeah. And the guys that did it, they parachuted out too and the plane was allowed to go on its way and crash somewhere.

ADB: He never became a lawyer but he went to law school?

MJR: Yeah. Pretty sharp guy.

ADB: That's a weird statement for an ... to make ... to the press.

MJR: He took a lot of heat for that. But you can't ... this group whacked a federal judge, they whacked local prosecutors, anybody that got in their way. Then when I surfaced, the part that I knew about, which was only about 30 people, they did a masterful damage control operation that isolated everything, and these people were dead meat history and the group goes on today. The reason why I know they go on today, they tell me that if I give them certain technology, they'll get me out of this case, and I know the problems, but they'd never leave me along.

ADB: What else have we got here.

MJR: So then we've got Nichols' group.

ADB: Now that's the one that I'm really ... I want to know everything that you know that Bob Nichols is in. Let me tell you what I believe and you tell me if I'm right. I believe that he's into narcotics transportation because I was there when Harold came over ... I just overheard, I was just out having a beer with Ellen and overheard him talking about so many packages of shrimp, and so many ... okay, so he's transporting ... and I would assume that was coming from the Orient.

MJR: Malay Peninsula. Upper Malay Peninsula.

ADB: So it's probably Heroin, right?

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: That would have been in '79. I got the feeling he was laundering money and he was in all these corporations ...

MJR: But you've got to understand, Nugen-Hand was set up by the Air Force. Air Force Intelligence.

ADB: But what I want to know is how was Bob Nichols connected to any intelligence operation? He knows everybody in Interpol? I mean, I don't know how much of Bob Nichols is bullshit bragging and how much of it real stuff.

MJR: The trouble with Bob Nichols is it's all real. None of it's bullshit.

ADB: I kind of got that feeling. Does he really have a castle in Milan? Or did he at that time?

MJR: No, it's Tanuta Monterosi (?). It is a feudal estate.

ADB: He's really got that, and he does take a helicopter to Zurich ...

MJR: Zanarra ... it's all in the name of Zanarra Corporation. In Zurich.

ADB: Where is Bob Nichols located today? I mean he's not in that apartment ...

MJR: He's in the greater Los Angeles area.

ADB: Does he still hang out there?

MJR: Yeah, some of the same haunts. You know, all the spook bars.

ADB: Is he in any way connected with anything in Miami of any significance?

MJR: They have not ... they do out of Miami. There's this guy ...

ADB: What's the name of that Mayor of Hialeah that Dexter just got indicted ... they just got him for laundering money ... I wonder. They just barely convicted him three weeks ago ... big famous case there.

MJR: I'm not sure.

ADB: You don't think Bob's tied up ...

MJR: Bob's tied with Searle Fairhurst.

ADB: Who's he?

MJR: That's who handles all the drug line ...

ADB: That's what I'm saying is there's no real significant connection between Bob Nichols and anything in the Miami area?

MJR: Well, Searle Fairhurst.

ADB: In Miami?

MJR: Well, he's in the Washington, D.C. area, but they have operations in Miami.

ADB: Okay, and he's some kind of a financial guy that cleans money?

MJR: Yep.

ADB: Okay, what else is Bob Nichols into?

MJR: Well, he's connected with Harold Okimoto. Harold is like his father.

ADB: Is he still ... that was 13 years ago, are they still buddies?

MJR: Oh yeah.

ADB: And Harold ... I never say it right.

MJR: Yakusaw. He's the highest ranking member of the Yakusaw outside of mainland Japan.

ADB: I can't believe I sat down ... I actually sat with Ellen, Bob and Harold, me and Art Sucheck (?) and had dinner. The Chinese food was pretty good, I remember that.

MJR: What a crew.

ADB: Okay, so he is ... I saw that really. I mean, I can ... I know they are close.

MJR: Oh yeah, yeah. Anyway, Harold ... they asked me to do communications work for them.

ADB: Okay, Bob Nichols did.

MJR: Bob Nichols did.

ADB: Now did you ever get into Nichols' inside operation at all? What did you specifically do for Nichols?

MJR: I helped him set up some banking positions in the Island of Neru and ...

ADB: Were you wiring money back and forth or what?

MJR: Switzerland to ...

ADB: I want you to confess that you were a bad guy. You knew this was all shit money.

MJR: Yeah, yeah. Blood money.

ADB: How were you being paid by Nichols in what kind of dimensions?

MJR: I basically ... I got ... I just got a loan from Harold. I got a \$2 million loan.

ADB: The understanding, of course, was it would never be paid back.

MJR: Well no, I've got a ...

ADB: I mean the deal between you was it was a forgiven loan, right? That was your payment?

MJR: No, not really. I had a falling out with Bob. Bob and I were going to be partners, okay? And I've got paperwork here to show it, and it's a pretty heavy deal, with a major defense contract, and it was sanctioned through the White House. The guy who has signed on the agreement is Reagan's first choice for Deputy Secretary of Defense. I mean that's no bullshit. Check that out. When the deal went awry (because Bob wanted to take payment, \$20 million cash in a briefcase on the streets of Singapore) I'm dealing with a publicly held corporation, FMC, I'm dealing with our corporation and I'm dealing with another position which is publicly held, the Baker ... Foundation, and they represent the University of California and the University of Chicago which has basically a 16% piece of my deal. Bob says, you sign your name on the paper. I don't want any complications. Just your name, my name and Frash's and then you pay 'em out of your end. I said, Bob, it doesn't work that way. If Interpol finds out, or any of these other people find out, I'm dead meat and I'll never be able to come back to the continental United States again. You're talking about ... you're dealing with a U.S. corporation, a mainline U.S. corporation. We haven't even been to the Legal Department yet. They have to go to a vote of their shareholders. You know, we've got a long ways to go. And Bob just expected me to sign the papers and not make full disclosures as to what my disclaimers have to be and that's where Bob and I had the falling out.

ADB: So your position with Bob now is cool, cold or hostile?

MJR: It's pretty hostile. Pretty hostile. Bob feels that I screwed him over. We worked a couple of years on this thing. And then I just walked away from it. He asked me to break laws down in

Australia on the part of it down there with the Nagarampa Arms deal. Here again, I would never have been able to come back to the continental United States. Here's the basic letter of understanding between Frash and I ...

ADB: Who drafted this?

MJR: Frash did. Now Frash retired from Northrop as Vice President in charge of sales. Colonel Frash was the one who made ... who was in charge of sales for Northrop when the famous Kashogi (?) deal was made for all ... with the Saudi Arabian ...

ADB: You remember that's how I tied into Nichols was back on those laser sites at this Camp Crescent ...

MJR: Anyway, Frash was just ... he made the largest arms transaction, single arms transaction of volume of hardware as well as cash, you know volume of money, the largest single arms transaction in history.

ADB: What in the hell is Lilac Corporation?

MJR: That's Colonel Frash's home corporation. Meridian Arms was Bob Nichols and I.

ADB: Of course, statute of limitations on all this shit has all run.

MJR: I understand. But to this very day, Bob is squeezing me and threatening me. He wants the technology.

TG: Is Bob the one that's made the deal, if you get that you'll give them the technology?

MJR: Well, Bob is one of the positions ...

ADB: I'm just going to go through here because unfortunately I've got to be on that plane. I don't want to get ...

MJR: This an article about what we were doing in Hercules.

ADB: Hercules is in Salt Lake City?

MJR: Hercules Research is in San Francisco. These are ... well you need to read these in their entirety. These are the letters on the MFC (?) deal.

TG: You're going to give him these papers or what?

ADB: I have a set made up for him.

TG: Would you send me on?

ADB: Where I'm coming from here, I want to be able to show ... what's getting obvious to me is that we're not going to do this in four hours.

MJR: But we can certainly make a dent in it.

ADB: Oh yeah.

MJR: All I'm showing you here I've got a paperwork trail that shows that Bob and I had a relationship. This is Dr. Harry Faire (?). He's one of the top research people in the U.S. Army.

ADB: Okay, but what bothers me about Nichols is I don't know who is true end-user ... I remember he tried to get us to get some Cobra helicopters back when I was in that business and I thought his end-user was Ferdinand Marcos. At least that's what he told me (but I didn't necessarily believe him), but it kind of added up that it would be because ...

MJR: Were these the ones that were delivered to NATO and then they weren't paid for?

ADB: Yeah.

MJR: I got in the middle of that deal and I went to Vanderworker of the CIA and we wound, through another front, Macro International, selling them to the North Koreans.

ADB: Ohhh.

MJR: Do you remember that?

ADB: It was 50 Cobras or 250 Cobras ...

MJR: No, no, no. 50 of 'em. What happened was the White House knew it, okay? So ... I don't know what they got in return, okay? It was definitely a slanted deal. We got more out of it than the North Koreans got. But ...

TG: What year was this?

MJR: This was in '83. Late '83 or ... late ... no wait a minute. It was late '82 that we put that deal together.

ADB: How would you ever ... I mean not that ... I like the guy, and I mean, how would you ever take Bob Nichols out? What would be the crime that he would be committing if he was to ...

MJR: I couldn't even determine that. The only thing I can do is get the vulnerable ends of their operation. They've got a deal going down where there's going to be some heroin coming in in the next few weeks, a rather large ...

ADB: How can you know that if you had a falling out with him?

MJR: Let me tell you.. This Skip Jahota (?) was recently up here and he has gone to work for the organization. What happened ...

ADB: As in Yasaka? ... or as in ...

MJR: No, as in ... under Harold ...

ADB: Time now is 15:25. We've been having a few technical problems. Lost about a minute and a half, max.

MJR: This is a case I made in '72, actually '73. The government had me sent back for evaluation at Springfield. They said I was nuts and in five working days they dictated me to the status of a regular sentenced prisoner and made the recommendation that my case be reviewed and they put me in touch with these Justice Department investigators. This case resulted from basically the head of the California State Narcotics Bureau, the Deputy Head of the Joint Federal State Task Force and the two top narcotics agents in the city and county of San Francisco went down for long prison sentences.

TG: But there's no date on this article.

MJR: It was in '75. I've got a date on the article.

ADB: Tell me about the hog-tied body.

MJR: That was my partner, Maraska. This is just correspondence from Wackenhut, just showing that I was indeed involved in Wackenhut in the joint venture. Then once the joint venture was involved ... The government wants to have confidence ...

ADB: Who's Peter ...

MJR: Zokowski? He's an arms expert and he was integral to the Wackenhut joint venture. O.D. Enterprises was one of the enterprises on the Indian reservation in conjunction with the Wackenhut ...

ADB: Okay, so all you ever got out of Harold and Bob was a \$2 million loan?

MJR: Yeah, I just got a loan out of them.

ADB: How long ago was that?

MJR: That was in '85.

ADB: Have they ever asked for any of the \$2 million back?

MJR: No, they just want some technology out of me.

ADB: So, they're just willing to forgive a \$2 million loan?

MJR: No, they want some ... See what I did ...

ADB: So you're saying ...

MJR: I gave them my night vision technology, you know, the tube technology ...

ADB: What were they going to do, peddle that somewhere in the Third World or worse?

MJR: No, Litton Industries couldn't make the tubes in the continental United States and they weren't coming up to spec in quality control and I figured out a way to produce them and got a method pad and we were producing them in South Korea. I just turned that over to Harold and Bob in exchange for the \$2 million.

ADB: So this John P. Nichols is a Ph.D., right?

MJR: So he says.

ADB: He's got connections that he can just make a phone call and get somebody rubbed out, right?

MJR: You bet.

TG: We didn't finish that story.

MJR: What we did was after the hit people started coming after Ted and I, I went back to Chicago. I tapped Nichols' phones, found out who he was dealing with, and set up a sit-down with those guys and I asked them what their beef was with me and Ted. Or if it was just a beef between John Nichols and I and Ted. What's going on? They explained that John Nichols had done something for them years ago, and he keeps coming back for more. And I said well so. That's not my problem. And they said well we don't have any problem with you. And I said well, I have a problem with you guys if you keep sending your torpedoes. I outlined to them ... who the torpedoes were that he had sent out and ...

ADB: You told them about this all got set up, huh?

MJR: The whole thing. And I told them the names of their torpedoes, the credit cards that they had used, where they had stayed, where they had rented vehicles, you know we have it all put together. They were impressed. I said we needed some help on Nichols. So, I made a deal with the guys and they took an order

from Nichols and when the order was taken for the hit men, the people that showed up at the airport were in fact Riverside County undercover Sheriff's deputies. I mean, we interdicted his line to his hit people.

ADB: What did he get, probation or something?

MJR: Nichols?

ADB: Yeah.

MJR: I've got his sentencing report. He did 14 months. They recommended that he be sentenced to the maximum time as an example to others in the community who feel that they are above the law.

ADB: This is a big ... this is one that got by me.

TG: Then he later hires ...

MJR: As soon as he gets out, he hires Billy Mincer to whack Ted and I. Since he can't buy anymore hits out of Chicago, he has to go to the streets of L.A. So we get wind immediately that Mincer is out after us, and Mincer is hanging out in the woods by my house in Bay East, Washington, down by Shelton while I'm in L.A. with Ted. Mincer is there for 4 to 5 days and he finally gets word that I'm in L.A., so he heads to L.A. That day, I get on the plane and head up here, so we're passing each other like this ... Then Mincer and these other guys are dogging Ted while this is on 20-20 on the gambling thing on the reservation.

ADB: So at this point, then ... basically Nichols (John) has been sort of discredited and ... or was he back in full speed?

MJR: He's back in full speed, but he can't order anymore hit people from Chicago. They're afraid to touch him, especially if he wants to do anything against Ted and I. Because we got him nailed. This is part of the flow sheets.

TG: Then Michael and I nail Mincer.

MJR: We gild this David Cohen in the ... the Deputy Prosecutor in L.A. and we basically what I do is I get a couple of guys, we stake out Mincer and we go steal their big loan of cocaine from the car of Mincer's girlfriend.

ADB: What's this shit?

MJR: All this is about me and ... Software. Wackenhut stole the software.

ADB: Can I have this copy right here? I want just enough to whet an appetite that I can FAX ... it's already public record, in other words I'll FAX that back so they can see who I'm talking about.

TG: So You're the one that stole Lanny Jacobs' ...

MJR: The cocaine. And thought that Mincer did. This started the fight ...

TG: This started the problem ...

MJR: And the FBI Field Office (they've got this little field office in Palm Springs) we put all the cocaine in there.

ADB: What's going on here? Tell me about this.

MJR: This is the Inslaw thing. Robinson ... do you know who Robinson is? He was one of George Pender's attorneys, one of Nichols' buddies. He's now a federal judge ... he's the Presiding Judge in D.C. and he's handling the Inslaw case and he's trying to clear the Inslaw case and ...

ADB: Tell me who these players are.

MJR: Well, there's me right here.

ADB: I will get you copies. I will mail you copies back of everything I've taken.

TG: So you guys dropped the cocaine in the FBI mail slot?

MJR: Lanny Jacobs ... yeah, this is me right here.

ADB: Oh shit. I'm almost done. What I want is to get the ... established so that he's gonna say well okay ...

TG: Lanny Jacobs what?

MJR: She freaks out. Mincer goes crazy, and they starting fighting with each other.

ADB: Wait a minute. How do you tie into McFarland? Florida company. See we're hitting, hitting ...

TG: Look on the Inslaw case.

MJR: McFarland was involved in espionage, he was a double agent for the Israeli government. Rafael Ton (?) was his control agent.

ADB: You mean former Marine Colonel Robert McFarland?

MJR: Yep. He was doubled up.

TG: That when he tried suicide?

MJR: Yes. Because I threatened to expose him if he didn't get Holbert and Calder off our backs.

ADB: He's kind of had a change of heart. If Taylor already got the hint ... would he talk?

MJR: I think so. He's about ready to.

ADB: I mean, what I'm saying, he seems like he wants to cleanse his soul ...

MJR: Bush is going to be impeached over all this shit.

ADB: Tell me about that. We can't have that ... Quayle taking over the country. He may be a crook, but at least he's ...

MJR: Bush met with Sian Kirubi (?) in Paris in 1980. There's no if's, and's ...

ADB: Met with who?

MJR: Sian Kirubi (?). He was a high-ranking cleric in the Iatola's government and ...

ADB: I know all about this so-called connection between the Iran Contra and ...

MJR: I'm the one who wired all the money.

ADB: For the two missiles and all that shit? For Secord and all that?

MJR: I handled all the Iranian connections with ... I brought them Sian Kirubi, okay?

ADB: What about Boni Sauder (?) and all those people?

MJR: It all came through me. Boni Saud wants to come to the jail and visit me, and I said no wait a minute, I've got an attorney coming here and he wants to handle this thing quietly. I'm the one who sent Linda Mat from ABC into France to where Boni Saud was hanging out and hiding. This was just last week.

ADB: What would Secord say. If I get to Secord and say tell me everything you can tell me about Mike, what would he say? That you're an asshole, that you're a traitor?

MJR: That I'm a little naive, got started too young, but very colorful character.

ADB: Do you know Singlaub or any of those people?

MJR: All I was was a good Indian. I just did what I was told.

ADB: Where's your politics? You kind of a right, god-fearing ...

MJR: I'm a practicing Roman Catholic, believe it or not, and I've never had to murder anybody. I've been in this game and I've always ...

ADB: How much money have you made besides that \$2 million that's dirty?

MJR: The reason why ... I was desperate for money.

ADB: Okay, I just want to know.

MJR: I got another loan from Best Products in South Korea for \$600,000.00.

ADB: Who does that tie up to ... Get you that money? These are not legitimate loans?

MJR: They are. If I don't pay them back in cash, I have to pay them back with some piece of technology.

ADB: In other words they're buying ... they're trading something ... but the loans themselves are not loans, they're payment for illegal acts to be ... I mean this is technology that you really shouldn't be shipping under this ...

MJR: That's correct. It's ITAR regulated technology. I would prefer to pay them back in cash ...

ADB: Here's where I'm going, Mike. I'm frankly so flabbergasted that it's so overwhelming that I'm trying to ... it's kind of like 15 Cobras trying to come out of one basket and I'm trying to find out which Cobra to fight first. It seems to me that we've got to get focused on getting a target investigation of the highest ... in other words, it seems to me that if we could set up a deal, just take one of these minor players. Forget Bob Nichols. Take this company that wants you to set up untransportable technology. Espionage. And we go get the U.S. Attorney in Miami and say hey these guys ... we can ... and of course because of your recent arrest, you're going to be hotter than the two pistols, so I understand ...

MJR: I would have to direct another operative on there ...

ADB: I understand, but assuming we could sting this thing so that these folks came over and we did the same thing that you guys pulled with John Nichols conspiracy, we make a good case against somebody trying to get technology. Hey, we might be able to buy out cheap on this. You see what I'm saying?

MJR: Let's not be fooled with Nichols. This is so monumental. I mean, you've got to realize I went to and old mine, hit network in Chicago, and talked them into allowing a couple of Riverside County Sheriff's undercover deputies ...

ADB: Inside their deal ...

MJR: The way I did that, it would take me a couple of hours to explain it to you, but I could. And everybody back there is absolutely ...

ADB: What I'm thinking is ... that's why I'm focusing on the money. If we can focus on the money and I can find somebody who wants the money back, and you say ... See I can come up with a good ... I mean, just fit it in and say, hey I've guy, lawyer, who hangs out in Utah, cattle ranching, you know, he's been a player and he knows Nichols and all that ... he needs some money, and he's going to come awful expensive. You remember the deal that we were talking about ... you know whatever it is they want ... the technical shit I'll never understand. Look I'll discount that sucker to you, but I need some more money. They'll buy it.

MJR: Oh, I know.

ADB: And we might be able to buy into this sucker cheap with you're walking. Then if we want to decide to play good guys and avenge the world, we can do that on our own speed, you know, but I'm saying we need to buy you out of here in order to get this thing done.

MJR: Yeah, that's all I want to do.

TG: Right. We'll put the deal together.

ADB: I think that's the way to go. Now, I've got \$2 million to Nichols and Harold. I've got \$600,000.00 to who else?

MJR: Best Products.

ADB: They are what?

MJR: It's a big electronics manufacturing house.

ADB: Legitimate?

MJR: Oh, yeah.

ADB: Where? U.S.?

MJR: No.

ADB: Offshore?

MJR: North Korea and South Korea.

ADB: Who else?

MJR: That's the only ...

ADB: That's the only money that you owe ...

MJR: That I owe.

ADB: In other words, if somebody were ...

MJR: What I've got ... where all of my money is at is in mineral leases, okay? What I did was I leveraged all the money I could get my hands on to get as much acreage under my control as I possibly could. Some of it's BLM claims, most of it's private. Then I went in with a couple of contract drillers and we core drilled everything. And we got drill ... we did an analysis ...

ADB: Translate that to me. You ...

MJR: I was read to take the drilling data from these mineral rich properties and put it up as collateral for bank loans. I was going to go through Northern Life Trust to do that. They were ready to give me a \$200 million line. The only thing is that I didn't meet the health requirements. They wanted to get a key man insurance policy me for five years and I couldn't pass the physical.

ADB: What's the matter with you?

MJR: Well, I was overweight.

ADB: Just that amount overweight?

MJR: They wanted me down to a target weight. I've got hypoglycemia and they wanted to get me in good physical condition. I was about a month away from meeting the target criteria to qualify for the key man insurance policy and I can still pick that up and make it work, but it's a legitimate, no funny-business deal, and I was planning on paying Harold back and the guys in Korea back ... that money, and with whatever interest they want. Well with Harold I owe him 20% interest, and it's about that on the money out of Korea, which isn't bad.

ADB: Why hasn't Harold sent his bad guys in to ...

MJR: Harold and I are on good terms. Whenever I go to Hawaii he picks me up in a limousine. When Harold and Ted and I were staying together, Harold got up in the morning and made Ted and I coffee.

ADB: You've been in Harold's clutches too, huh?

MJR: Do you know what we were doing? Do you know what this thing Marie ... was, what we were doing? I developed an explosive device. We were waiting while it was being tested at the Nevada test site. The thing was the size of a five-gallon propane tank, non-nuclear. When it went off it caved in the test range. Do you remember in '84 when they had the earthquake there in the valley?

ADB: I lived right there.

MJR: Okay, well that was our baby, okay? That's what we were peddling. That's what this agreement here is about, is that technology.

TG: We were down in Palm Springs.

MJR: Yeah, we were waiting for the results.

TG: In a room, a room together.

MJR: Yeah. On Wayne Reeder's (?) Country Club. Waiting for the results of this thing. Was it going to work or not? Everybody ... Bob was wrenching his hands ... Then when it went off, Bob got drunk and said that me walking around loose was the end of the world, that what if some terrorist got ahold of me? That's when Bob wanted to take me over.

ADB: Nichols?

MJR: Yeah. Like I was ... and he wanted me just to pack up my family and everything, forget about the other obligations I had and just go off into the horizon, without making any provisions for anything, depending on this deal to come down. I could see that it was going to take at least another six to eight months before we could possibly see any hope of getting any money out of the FMC deal.

ADB: Now with your arrest what's happened to the FMC deal?

MJR: The FMC deal is still on hold. They're still waiting for me. The only thing is, Bob Nichols and I have to make peace before FMC will cut the deal.

ADB: Could Ted and I be the bridge that could make that peace?

MJR: Sure. Sure.

TG: We've got to meet him.

ADB: I agree. We both know him.

MJR: That's ...

ADB: Where I'm at, I'm still digging. I can still ... I can see little glimmers of gold in that dirt in the mine, but I can't see the shaft. You haven't got anybody right now that I can see that we can reasonably set up a target.

TG: For a sting.

MJR: Oh, for a sting ...

ADB: It doesn't have to be a sting, although you've got enough information to take him out, but I mean ...

MJR: It's Bryce Larsen, and he had Skip Jahota (?), his point man over here, recruiting people. They're living in Thailand right now ... Bryce Larsen is known to the DEA and the Bureau and everybody as a big heavy hitter.

ADB: On drugs?

MJR: On drugs.

TG: L.A.?

MJR: No, well ... L.A. and

ADB: Bryce Larsen!

TG: The guy you told me about last night.

ADB: That's the connection with my secretary!

TG: That's right.

ADB: That's Miami. God!

MJR: Oh yeah, him and Bobby Martin ... The last time the ...

ADB: We're there. We're there. Now stop everything you're doing, I've got to collect my thoughts.

....

We had a little interruption there where the turnkey came in and said he had to ... we were out about 20 minutes or so and we just got a big flash of atomic light on us and we tried to make a couple of phone calls, so we've had that little interruption. We're now running out of time, so if I seem like I'm getting a little disjointed, I am. I'm going to be doing most of the talking, and having him answer questions.

Now, tell me everything you'd ever want to know about Bryce Larsen and you were afraid to ask.

MJR: Well, Bryce Larsen right now is in Thailand. He's running a hotel for one of Okimoto's people and ...

ADB: Bryce Larsen is tied up with the Yasikaw?

MJR: Yeah. And it was just through a guy in Hawaii who had a sailboat. Bryce and Skip Jahota got into this connection and it brought one loan of China White over, so far, and a couple of small loads of high grade Pot.

ADB: Is Bryce Larsen out of L.A.?

MJR: Mainly out of here, but he's worked out of L.A. and he's worked out of ...

ADB: Miami?

MJR: Miami. The last time he got pumped was on a sting operation where they ...

ADB: Is he tied in with some Columbian people?

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: Okay, because he works directly with the Cartel ...

MJR: The DEA seized two Lear jets from him the last time they busted him.

TG: Did he go to trial?

MJR: I don't know what happened.

ADB: Okay, Bryce Larsen, as I understand it popped down a couple of million dollars bail and skipped, is that right? Or something like that.

MJR: He did one time and then he came back and settled up with them.

ADB: What's his status now? He's a fugitive now?

MJR: I don't know if he's a fugitive or what his status is. I thought he cleaned it all up. Anyway, Skip Jahota (?) was here trying to recruit people to go over to work in Thailand and was also trying to recruit people to off-load the boats when they bring the stuff in. They're bringing them in by boat. Jahota, he's one of Bryce's right-hand men. They've already brought in, like I said, a load of China White. I think it was only about 11 kilos. It wasn't very much. And they brought in 500 pounds of high grade Thai weed, a couple of loads, and they just off-loaded 'em in the Puget Sound area off a small boat. But they're getting ready to do a big one. Larsen was involved with Dean Vennigan (?) and Bryan Peters and I guess Bryan Peters is desperate for money because the judge ... he was caught with a big boatload of stuff, the story goes that I've got, and he's got to pay the government \$6 million. He doesn't have that much money and the judge doesn't believe him.

ADB: Doesn't believe he doesn't have it, or doesn't believe he ...

MJR: Doesn't believe that he does not have it. When, in fact, he really doesn't. He just fucked off most of his money. Anyway, Bryce has got the benefit of a lot of Bryan Peters' people like the Walters brothers, but he really doesn't trust them, so he's got Skip Jahota out trying to recruit people to bring back over to Thailand and to work over here, and they're setting their deal up. Skip is loose enough that he'll be like an early warning bell, as for what's really going down. But the thing is, right now is the time to get some people in on Bryce because ...

ADB: They're working ... whatever's going on, there's a big case in Miami where a female black Assistant U.S.A. is handling this gal I was telling you about, but that's ... I don't want to go into any details on that because she's in a protection program, but ...

MJR: Well, she's probably working against the Martin brothers or ...

ADB: No, it's Larsen.

MJR: But Larsen is partners with Martin brothers. They kissed and made up after the last fiasco they had together. But, anyway, Bryce has got Skip over here right now and he's recruiting people and ... well that was about five weeks ago, and I think he's on his way back. Skip recently married a Thai girl over there and he's just been bragging to everybody in certain circles how nice it is over there and everything ...

ADB: All the good pussy and all that stuff?

MJR: How good ... how cheap everything is and how good the dope is and ...

ADB: These guys are mostly getting by on their own supply type thing, huh?

MJR: Yeah, oh yeah. Anyway, the main distribution people over here would be Scott Brown (?) and Phil and Tim Lovegrin (?) when the stuff does come in.

ADB: Are these local guys here in the Tacoma area?

MJR: Yeah. And a Michael McKnight. McKnight is big in the local distribution around here.

ADB: Are we talking about cocaine or China White heroin?

MJR: Everything. Pot, cocaine, China White ...

ADB: He's a full-service distribution ...

MJR: Full-service. And I believe Mike McKnight is a fugitive right now. I'm not sure. That needs to be checked into, but I know somebody that can get to him. But the thing is, Skip makes the rounds with all of these guys, and all we have to do is put a check on Skip's arm ...

ADB: Skip ...

MJR: Jahota. Skip ... Why Bryce has Skip doing stuff ... Skip Jahota doing stuff for him I'll never know. The guy's a loose cannon. I mean, that's how I found out about him. He's just a total loose cannon, and he ... Skip went and hit up a friend of mine, Mike Stewart, who years ago was into this and Mike, all he wants to do is collect his Veterans' paycheck and stay straight. He's out in the woods, but Skip hit him up anyway and then Mike told me what Skip was up to. So, the ideal way into that is through Skip.

ADB: Give me the name of this attorney that ... make sure I've got both of them. Okay, your actual attorney of record that has been representing you in court as a mouthpiece is who?

MJR: John Crawford and John Rosalini.

ADB: John Crawford ...

MJR: And John Rosalini.

ADB: And John Crawford's an old long-line attorney that you've had in civil stuff?

MJR: Rosalini is.

ADB: John Crawford's the criminal guy?

MJR: The specialist.

ADB: How much do you trust Rosalini?

MJR: He means well, but this is all over his head. If there's anything ...

ADB: He's got a name that scares the living hell out of me ...

MJR: No, he's ...

ADB: He's not connected or anything ...

MJR: No, no, no. He's honest. He's a naive ... too honest for his own good. And he doesn't understand the serious nature of this stuff and the way he handled what I was trying to put together is what got Iceman killed. You've got to realize Iceman was getting ready to roll over on the biggest money-laundering scam that's ever come down the pike, and people figured it out because there was a leak from this end. The word out from the Justice Department was that they were going to indict Iceman so that disarmed everybody back ...

ADB: Okay, John Crawford is located in Tacoma?

MJR: Tacoma, yeah.

ADB: And Rosalini is in Tacoma?

MJR: No, he's in Seattle.

TG: How could Rosalini have made a difference with Iceman?

MJR: Well, I needed him to pick up that tape and when I couldn't get him to make connections, I tried to relay messages out to him, okay? And he said something to the Assistant A.G. here. This one guy, Ken Bell, in the A.G.'s office is dirty. Okay? That's all there is to it.

ADB: Which A.G.'s office?

MJR: Here.

TG: U.S. Attorney?

MJR: Yeah. Ken Bell ...

ADB: Okay, not just the Attorney General, but the U.S.A.?

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: What is he, a sniffer, or just a player, or what?

MJR: Way back ... from way back. He's been into coke and ...

ADB: What's his name again?

MJR: Ken Bell.

TG: So Rosalini talked to Bell about it?

MJR: He said something to Discan (?) when Bell was right there in the office.

TG: About the girl?

MJR: Yeah, and the tape, and some of the names of the people on the east coast and Philadelphia. Like we were going after ... that I was trying to get Holbert. And the U.S. Attorney here didn't even know what he was talking about ... thought I was just rambling, naming names out of here.

TG: But Bell picked up on it and notified him?

MJR: He picked up on it and notified him.

ADB: Let me see if I ... let me run down a little analysis here. I want you guys to give me your input as to how far off base or how close we are. As I see it right now we've got any number of possibilities that we could work on, but your immediate problem is getting out of jail. That's the highest priority as I see it we've got. So we are going to have to have some communication with Crawford and Rosalini to figure out what chances we've got from just a conventional ... because I don't want to tip our mitt what we're doing to them. In other words ...

MJR: If I all of a sudden got out of jail, all hell would break loose. Let me tell you what would happen, and this has already been communicated to me.

ADB: By who?

MJR: By Bob Nichols.

ADB: Is Bob Nichols talking to you?

MJR: He's ... through an intermediary.

ADB: Who is the intermediary?

MJR: It's a woman in Palo Alto.

ADB: She calls you on the phone here, or what?

MJR: No, I call her.

ADB: Okay, woman in Palo Alto. What's her name?

MJR: Virginia. But, she's a patsy. She doesn't know what's going on.

ADB: What's Nichols trying to communicate to you?

MJR: That if I make a move sideways ...

ADB: You're dead?

MJR: No, not me. They want too much out of me. I'm too valuable, but the guy that is a cooperating individual ...

ADB: The one that set up old dingaling here?

MJR: You know, the one that set me up.

ADB: I'm talking about the CI here.

MJR: Steve Halvorsen. They would put a bullet him and make it look like I did it.

ADB: Oh Christ.

MJR: And he said I'd never see the light of day. Now I haven't even brought that up with my attorney, because ...

ADB: No, I'm glad you haven't because we've got to get that sonofabitch on record.

TG: Huh?

ADB: We've got to get that sonofabitch on record.

MJR: Now, Halvorsen is in Mike McKnight's ... you know, where he's low down ... he's below Mike McKnight, and Halvorsen is still chief coordinator of this big outdoor guerilla pot-growing operation and if Halvorsen were forced into the Witness Protection Program, at least a thousand miles away from here, you have no idea how that would fuck up dope later on this summer in this area.

ADB: Okay, if we could some way get people to lean on Halvorsen ...

MJR: Force him into the Witness Protection Program to relocate at least a thousand miles away from here, it would ... by the end of August in this area there would be a famine of high grade of marijuana, the likes of which they have never seen.

ADB: This is the analysis that I am trying to ... What I am ... What's coming to me is that all of this bullshit (and I'm not saying it's bullshit that it's not true, but bullshit as to trying to describe it with no other way to describe it). Really Halvorsen is not really connected, he's just down here on this child custody case trying to fuck you over.

MJR: Well, that and he ...

ADB: We're not dealing with any of these heavyweight players. We're not dealing with ...

MJR: Oh, no, no ... Halvorsen ...

ADB: So your immediate deal does not come down because of people from way on high like Nichols (either Bob or John) or any of the ...

MJR: Bob knew that I was going down ahead of time.

ADB: But that could be with his DEA-Justice connections ... but you don't think that they put him into it do you?

TG: He told me. I had dinner with him. He indicated that he knew he was going down before it happened. Bob did.

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: That's a weak spot, because we've got to do something with this turkey right here.

TG: Halvorsen.

MJR: Yeah, he's got to go. He's living at the same place he was living. In fact on Thursday ...

ADB: We just hit him direct. You and I walk over there and play a little Mutt and Jeff and ... give him the ...

TG: They might get us for intimidating a federal witness.

ADB: No, no, that's why I'm going with you. I've got every right to ask questions ...

TG: As an attorney.

ADB: He's a percipient witness, and I know more about ... because I lean heavy and I know more about where that line is as far as obstruction of justice is ...

MJR: Let me tell you ... Halvorsen had a growing operation and a meth lab last summer that got taken down, and he got a minor slap on the wrist. Most of it was cleaned up by the time the cops got there, so they only got him for illegal use of the building. The guy has got multiple priors.

ADB: What have you ... give me your history ... I know about '71 or '72. What else should be on as far as dope is concerned?

MJR: Okay, in '72 I got taken down on a PCP thing. They claimed I was making PCP in a boathouse.

ADB: Were you?

MJR: No. It's a physical impossibility to make PCP ...

ADB: But why were you arrested on that?

MJR: What I had done, I was a cooperating individual ...

ADB: But you were in the dope scene, you're not denying that ... back when you were a kid.

MJR: Well, when I was ...

ADB: 20 years?

MJR: No, 18, 19. I got out of it when I was 19, so I left San Francisco and I walked away from it.

ADB: So you haven't been involved in dope since '71, '72? Actually for real?

MJR: About '69.

ADB: And you haven't been tied up with dope ... or associated with Nichols in being a technical kind of guy with a computer doing money laundering?

MJR: That's on a heavy level.

ADB: But you've never actually physically got down with your little organization and had your people out selling or been in a lab ... in other words they are not going to be able to bring any witnesses ...

MJR: I haven't participated ...

ADB: What I'm saying is ...

MJR: They're claiming I've got some big huge distribution network, but I have no credibility on the streets as far as drugs go.

ADB: We're going to work on that. Okay, what I'm trying to do is I want to have some time with Ted to kind of brainstorm this before I leave. I can't absorb any more at this point. I mean, I think if we can hit on Larsen that's where I know ...

MJR: Larsen is a small fry here.

ADB: Well maybe, but they think he's big.

TG: Who are the biggies?

MJR: Holbert, Paul Palmer, Jim Neiland. Jim Neiland is probably the biggest dope connection ...

TG: Where?

MJR: In Washington state.

TG: He's a former ...

MJR: Yeah, yeah, Jim Neiland. Don Neiland, Ed Neiland ...

ADB: Are these guys all brothers?

MJR: No they're cousins ... Jim and Don are brothers, Ed's a cousin. Then you've got the Walters brothers ...

TG: They're in California, right?

MJR: No, that's Waters brothers.

TG: Waters, yeah.

MJR: Then you've got Dean Venigan. Now put in parentheses with Dean Venigan, Bryan Peters. With Bryan Peters out of action, Dean Venigan takes his place.

TG: These guys ... there must be some dirt in the DEA for them to allow these guys to operate.

MJR: Of course.

ADB: That's the way the game's played. That's no so unusual. I mean ...

MJR: Scott Brown is another big heavy player up here in the northwest.

TG: Okay, let me ask you this, Michael. What I think Alan's saying is we need to whet the appetite of the U.S. Attorney in Miami. How can we whet his appetite?

MJR: Well ...

ADB: If that's ... and if I've made that circle, and I'm 85% sure what case he's on, then that's all ... then what I will do is call him. He's already brief on it. I will give him a double-edged deal. I will talk her in, because it's in her best interest, not because of this, to take in the Witness Protection Program which she doesn't want to do, but they've offered her a quarter of a million. I mean she's up there and so if we can get this thing I can tie it into a package. What's going to happen if you're sprung is you're really have ... you're going to have to cut yourself ... that's why I was asking about all your money interests. Because you'll leave a paper trail that they can track you to if you try to ...

MJR: I understand. I'll just turn that over to somebody ...

ADB: Ted and I could probably manage this deal, most of it ...

MJR: It takes somebody in the minerals business and ...

ADB: She's not going to spend it.

MJR: The head of the Colorado School of Mines is willing to come in and take over the minerals thing. And then we've got another guy, Bob Duffy, who works with us and ...

ADB: All I'm saying is ...

MJR: I have to ... like you said, I've got to leave that ...

ADB: When you walk out of here, you're going to cease to exist or you're going to be dead.

MJR: I understand that.

TG: Would they come after me, Michael?

MJR: If Bob or Harold or any of those people knew that you were helping me to this degree, they would.

ADB: All right. Here's what I'm going to do. This is our little pact right now. Let's write these down ...

TG: Don't you think one of our priorities should be to try to make peace with him and Bob?

ADB: Oh yeah. That's what we're going to talk about and how to go about ... see I'm so unfocused here ...

TG: Yeah, we've got to make peace with him.

ADB: All right, now. Here's what I want to do.

TG: Are these guys tied into Harold? All these guys up here in the northwest?

MJR: Oh, yeah.

ADB: If for some reason say you and I or Ted are in communication (I want to try and make this simple and I always make it complicated) and for some reason you feel insecure, i.e., that you are being tape recorded (because I know that ... I'm assuming...)

MJR: Everything out of here is tape recorded.

ADB: I knew that. I was trying to stop you the other night. But they are not supposed to listen to it if attorneys, but they sometimes do. What I want, if we're having a telephone conversation, Bob Nichols from now on (let's get this set up right) ... Okay, if I say I need to be able to talk to ... let's keep this simple ... it really gets complicated ... Barbara Nash ... all you've got to do is keep track of initials, and I throw a name out that absolutely means nothing to you, say "Ted and I will contact Barbara Nash, is that what you want us to do." If we're being monitored it will throw the sons of bitches all off because they won't think we're that sharp to be doing that, number one, and number two ... okay ... who's the other one we're going to be talking about a lot ... Halvorsen, Steve Halvorsen.

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: Okay, so Steve Halvorsen will be Sally Hope. And if we're talking about DEA, FBI, U.S. Attorney or any of the spook agencies like the CIA, or National Security Council, we'll group them all together and that will be The Greenwich Boys. What I've done there is that's all government ... Greenwich ...

MJR: Now the other area where I can do some real damage is Al Holbert's procurement of chemicals nationwide. He has a mail-order chemical company that is mailing out chemicals right now. Now what they do is they mail out large multiple orders under threshold limit value for the reporting requirements under the new DEA regulations. Like with phenol acidic acid (?) it's one kilo a month, so they mail out 800 grams per month to one customer. And they've got fifty customers.

ADB: Where are they located doing that?

MJR: In Miami, Florida.

ADB: I know about that operation.

MJR: Okay.

ADB: What's the guy's name?

MJR: Al Holbert is the one that's ...

ADB: Oh shit. That ties into ...

TG: There you go right there.

MJR: And it's Sunland Chemical Company or something like that.

ADB: I know this is going to get complicated, so all I want to do is I want them to ... maybe this is getting too complicated. Let's see Bob Nichols: Barbara Nash; the Greenwich Boys ... okay if we're trying to identify which agency ... you know, I don't think we need to play games, we can talk in the open about that unless we're trying to ... So if you're saying that somebody's dirty with the Greenwich Boys, you know ... So what I want you to do is to understand that with the distance, set up and all this kind of crap, communication at best is going to be damn difficult.

MJR: Yeah.

ADB: So what I think we'll do ... Now are you staying here, Ted?

TG: I have to do ...

ADB: I know about all the stuff with your son and stuff. I mean, are you coming back?

TG: I'll be back whenever they want me.

ADB: Are you living here now?

TG: No. Los Angeles.

ADB: Let me get your ... you gave it to me once, but I ...

TG: (213) 546-5000. And my answering service is 854-5171.

ADB: Okay, now your priorities are going to be ... I think realistically what I'm going to need is, and then we can work off the ... as far as I'm concerned I can send you ... I don't care whether you give him the trust money, or one of us ... Do you have a trust account?

TG: No, but I ... Let's mail the money to you. You handle it.

ADB: Okay, whatever. You write this down ...

MJR: Do you want to turn this off?

ADB: No, we're okay ...